

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2006  
(Approved May 24, 2006)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on April 26, 2006. Attending the meeting were Connie Megay and Timothy Roland, East Coventry Township; Cindy Pratt and Bernard Gladieux, Jr., Douglass Township; Ralph Fluharty and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; John Gambino, West Pottsgrove Township; Tom Troutman and Steve Klotz, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Megan DeLena, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Dan Weand, Pottstown Borough; and Andy Paravis, North Coventry Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
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Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.**

Mr. Paravis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Review of March Minutes**

Mrs. Megay moved to approve the March 22, 2006 minutes as amended. Mr. Gladieux seconded the motion. Mr. Roland abstained due to his absence at the March 22, 2006 meeting. The motion carried. Minutes to be amended to note that Mr. Greg Lignelli represents Douglass Township and expand on the public comment issue.

**3. Old Business**

Recording Secretary's Pay Structure

There was a brief discussion regarding the pay structure of the Recording Secretary. Mr. Preston noted that the East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to not pay the Secretary through East Coventry Township. Mr. Paravis stated he would investigate handling the pay through North Coventry.

Boyd Gaming Corporation

There was a discussion regarding the proposed changes submitted by Lower Pottsgrove to be made to the letter regarding the casino. The group agreed to accept the letter with noted changes as discussed.

**4. New Business**

Municipal Updates

Mr. Weand noted that the Mrs. Smith site would be developed into a strip mall and housing project. Mr. Weand noted that Mr. Layne resigned from his position as Pottstown Borough Manager. It was also noted that Walmart is planning an expansion. Such plans will come before the PMRPC for review.

Mr. Klotz noted a project that was approved in Limerick for 600 stores. Mr. Cover stated he would obtain the plans for review by the PMRPC. The project will cause a major impact on surrounding communities.

Mr. Fluharty noted that an offer has been made to Mr. Ed Wagner for position of New Hanover Township Manager.

Mr. Paravis noted that hotel wanted to move into the former KFC and Pizza Hut site.

Mr. Gambino noted that a 12-home development is proposed off of Manatawny Street in West Pottsgrove. It was noted that Farmington Avenue would be under construction for up to 6 months due to a 260-home townhouse project in Upper Pottsgrove.

Mr. Cover suggested the PMRPC get involved with trying to obtain highway monies that are earmarked and work with the DE Valley Regional Planning Commission.

**5. Municipal Updates**

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Weand moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary